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***AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO
THE EDUCATION STATUTES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) There shall be a division of
2 interscholastic athletics within the Department of Education which
3 shall serve as the governing authority for interscholastic athletics in the
4 state. The division of interscholastic athletics shall be responsible for
5 (1) establishing and interpreting the rules for all interscholastic athletic
6 competitions and tournaments and eligibility requirements for
7 students, (2) providing information and training regarding student
8 athletes and concussions, pursuant to section 10-149b of the general
9 statutes, (3) recognizing and awarding championships, and (4) any
10 other functions that the Commissioner of Education deems necessary
11 for the administration of the division and interscholastic athletics in
12 the state.

13 Sec. 2. Section 84 of public act 13-3, as amended by section 15 of
14 public act 13-122, section 191 of public act 13-247, section 73 of public act
15 14-98, section 1 of public act 15-5 and section 1 of public act 16-171, is

16 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
17 *passage*):

18 (a) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, [2017] 2018,
19 inclusive, the Departments of Emergency Services and Public
20 Protection, Administrative Services and Education shall jointly
21 administer a school security infrastructure competitive grant program
22 to reimburse a town, regional educational service center, the governing
23 authority for a state charter school, the Department of Education on
24 behalf of the technical high school system, an incorporated or
25 endowed high school or academy approved by the State Board of
26 Education pursuant to section 10-34 of the general statutes and the
27 supervisory agent for a nonpublic school for certain expenses for
28 schools incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for: (1) The development
29 or improvement of the security infrastructure of schools, based on the
30 results of school building security assessments pursuant to subsection
31 (d) of this section, including, but not limited to, the installation of
32 surveillance cameras, penetration resistant vestibules, ballistic glass,
33 solid core doors, double door access, computer-controlled electronic
34 locks, entry door buzzer systems, scan card systems, panic alarms, real
35 time interoperable communications and multimedia sharing
36 infrastructure or other systems; and (2) (A) the training of school
37 personnel in the operation and maintenance of the security
38 infrastructure of school buildings, or (B) the purchase of portable
39 entrance security devices, including, but not limited to, metal detector
40 wands and screening machines and related training.

41 (b) (1) On and after April 4, 2013, each local and regional board of
42 education may, on behalf of its town or its member towns, apply, at
43 such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of Emergency
44 Services and Public Protection prescribes, to the Department of
45 Emergency Services and Public Protection for a grant for certain
46 expenses for schools under the jurisdiction of such board of education
47 incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described in
48 subsection (a) of this section. Prior to the date that the School Safety

49 Infrastructure Council makes its initial submission of the school safety
50 infrastructure standards, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r
51 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
52 Public Protection, in consultation with the Commissioners of
53 Administrative Services and Education, shall determine which
54 expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the program. On and
55 after the date that the School Safety Infrastructure Council submits the
56 school safety infrastructure standards, the decision to approve or deny
57 an application and the determination of which expenses are eligible for
58 reimbursement under the program shall be in accordance with the
59 most recent submission of the school safety infrastructure standards,
60 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the general statutes.

61 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, ~~June 30, 2016, and June~~
62 ~~30, 2017]~~ to June 30, 2018, a regional educational service center may
63 apply, at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of
64 Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes, to the
65 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a grant
66 for certain expenses for schools under the jurisdiction of such regional
67 educational service center incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the
68 purposes described in subsection (a) of this section. The department
69 shall decide whether to approve or deny an application and which
70 expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the program. Such
71 decisions shall be in accordance with the school safety infrastructure
72 standards developed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of
73 the general statutes.

74 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, ~~June 30, 2016, and June~~
75 ~~30, 2017]~~ to June 30, 2018, the governing authority for a state charter
76 school may apply, at such time and in such manner as the
77 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes,
78 to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a
79 grant for certain expenses for schools under the jurisdiction of such
80 governing authority incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the
81 purposes described in subsection (a) of this section. The department

82 shall decide whether to approve or deny an application and which
83 expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the program. Such
84 decisions shall be in accordance with the school safety infrastructure
85 standards developed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of
86 the general statutes.

87 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [June 30, 2016, and June
88 30, 2017] to June 30, 2018, the superintendent of the technical high
89 school system may apply, at such time and in such manner as the
90 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes,
91 to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a
92 grant for certain expenses for schools in the technical high school
93 system incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described
94 in subsection (a) of this section. The department shall decide whether
95 to approve or deny an application and which expenses are eligible for
96 reimbursement under the program. Such decisions shall be in
97 accordance with the school safety infrastructure standards developed
98 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the general statutes.

99 (5) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [June 30, 2016, and June
100 30, 2017] to June 30, 2018, an incorporated or endowed high school or
101 academy may apply, at such time and in such manner as the
102 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes,
103 to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a
104 grant for certain expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the
105 purposes described in subsection (a) of this section. The department
106 shall decide whether to approve or deny an application and which
107 expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the program. Such
108 decisions shall be in accordance with the school safety infrastructure
109 standards developed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of
110 the general statutes.

111 (6) (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [June 30, 2016, and
112 June 30, 2017] to June 30, 2018, the supervisory agent for a nonpublic
113 school may apply, at such time and in such manner as the

114 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes,
115 to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a
116 grant for certain expenses for schools under the jurisdiction of such
117 supervisory agent incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the
118 purposes described in subsection (a) of this section. The department
119 shall decide whether to approve or deny an application and which
120 expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the program. Such
121 decisions shall be in accordance with the school safety infrastructure
122 standards developed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of
123 the general statutes.

124 (B) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, ~~June 30, 2016, and June~~
125 ~~30, 2017]~~ to June 30, 2018, ten per cent of the funds available under the
126 program shall be awarded to the supervisory agents of nonpublic
127 schools, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (6) of
128 subsection (c) of this section.

129 (c) (1) A town may receive a grant equal to a percentage of its
130 eligible expenses. The percentage shall be determined as follows: (A)
131 Each town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one
132 hundred sixty-nine according to town wealth, as defined in
133 subdivision (26) of section 10-262f of the general statutes, (B) based
134 upon such ranking, a percentage of not less than twenty or more than
135 eighty shall be assigned to each town on a continuous scale, and (C)
136 the town ranked first shall be assigned a percentage of twenty and the
137 town ranked last shall be assigned a percentage of eighty.

138 (2) A regional educational service center may receive a grant equal
139 to a percentage of its eligible expenses. The percentage shall be
140 determined by its ranking. Such ranking shall be determined by (A)
141 multiplying the population of each member town in the regional
142 educational service center by such town's ranking, as determined in
143 subsection (a) of section 10-285a of the general statutes; (B) adding
144 together the figures for each town determined under subparagraph (A)
145 of this subdivision; and (C) dividing the total computed under

146 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision by the total population of all
147 member towns in the regional educational service center. The ranking
148 of each regional educational service center shall be rounded to the next
149 higher whole number and each such center shall receive the same
150 reimbursement percentage as would a town with the same rank.

151 (3) The governing authority for a state charter school may receive a
152 grant equal to a percentage of its eligible expenses that is the same as
153 the town in which such state charter school is located, as calculated
154 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

155 (4) The Department of Education, on behalf of the technical high
156 school system, may receive a grant equal to one hundred per cent of its
157 eligible expenses.

158 (5) An incorporated or endowed high school or academy may
159 receive a grant equal to a percentage of its eligible expenses. The
160 percentage shall be determined by its ranking. Such ranking shall be
161 determined by (A) multiplying the total population, as defined in
162 section 10-261 of the general statutes, of each town which at the time of
163 application for such school security infrastructure competitive grant
164 has designated such school as the high school for such town for a
165 period of not less than five years from the date of such application, by
166 such town's percentile ranking, as determined in subsection (a) of
167 section 10-285a of the general statutes, (B) adding together the figures
168 for each town determined under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision,
169 and (C) dividing the total computed under subparagraph (B) of this
170 subdivision by the total population of all towns which designate the
171 school as their high school under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.
172 The ranking determined pursuant to this subsection shall be rounded
173 to the next higher whole number. Such incorporated or endowed high
174 school or academy shall receive the reimbursement percentage of a
175 town with the same rank.

176 (6) The supervisory agent for a nonpublic school may receive a

177 grant equal to fifty per cent of its eligible expenses.

178 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, if there are not
179 sufficient funds to provide grants to all towns, based on the percentage
180 determined pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the
181 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in
182 consultation with the Commissioners of Administrative Services and
183 Education, shall give priority to applicants on behalf of schools with
184 the greatest need for security infrastructure, as determined by said
185 commissioners based on school building security assessments of the
186 schools under the jurisdiction of the town's school district conducted
187 pursuant to this subdivision. Of the applicants on behalf of such
188 schools with the greatest need for security infrastructure, said
189 commissioners shall give first priority to applicants on behalf of
190 schools that have no security infrastructure at the time of such school
191 building security assessment and succeeding priority to applicants on
192 behalf of schools located in priority school districts pursuant to section
193 10-266p of the general statutes. To be eligible for reimbursement
194 pursuant to this section, an applicant board of education shall (A)
195 demonstrate that it has developed and periodically practices an
196 emergency plan at the schools under its jurisdiction and that such plan
197 has been developed in concert with applicable state or local first-
198 responders, and (B) provide for a uniform assessment of the schools
199 under its jurisdiction, including any security infrastructure, using the
200 National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities' Safe Schools
201 Facilities Checklist. The assessment shall be conducted under the
202 supervision of the local law enforcement agency.

203 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [June 30, 2016, and June
204 30, 2017] to June 30, 2018, if there are not sufficient funds to provide
205 grants to all applicants that are towns, regional educational service
206 centers, governing authorities for state charter schools, the Department
207 of Education, on behalf of the technical high school system, and
208 incorporated or endowed high schools or academies based on the
209 percentage determined pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the

210 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in
211 consultation with the Commissioners of Administrative Services and
212 Education, shall give priority to applicants on behalf of schools with
213 the greatest need for security infrastructure, as determined by said
214 commissioners based on school building security assessments of the
215 schools under the jurisdiction of the applicant conducted pursuant to
216 this subdivision. Of the applicants on behalf of such schools with the
217 greatest need for security infrastructure, said commissioners shall give
218 first priority to applicants on behalf of schools that have no security
219 infrastructure at the time of such school building security assessment
220 and succeeding priority to applicants on behalf of schools located in
221 priority school districts pursuant to section 10-266p of the general
222 statutes. To be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this section, an
223 applicant shall (A) demonstrate that it has developed and periodically
224 practices an emergency plan at the schools under its jurisdiction and
225 that such plan has been developed in concert with applicable state or
226 local first-responders, and (B) provide for a uniform assessment of the
227 schools under its jurisdiction, including any security infrastructure,
228 using the National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities' Safe
229 Schools Facilities Checklist. The assessment shall be conducted under
230 the supervision of the local law enforcement agency.

231 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, ~~June 30, 2016, and June~~
232 ~~30, 2017]~~ to June 30, 2018, if there are not sufficient funds to provide
233 grants to all applicant supervisory agents for nonpublic schools, based
234 on the percentages described in subsection (c) of this section, the
235 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in
236 consultation with the Commissioners of Administrative Services and
237 Education, shall give priority to applicants on behalf of schools with
238 the greatest need for security infrastructure, as determined by said
239 commissioners. Of the applicants on behalf of such schools with the
240 greatest need for security infrastructure, said commissioners shall give
241 first priority to applicants on behalf of schools that have no security
242 infrastructure at the time of application. To be eligible for

243 reimbursement pursuant to this section, an applicant supervisory
244 agent for a nonpublic school shall (A) demonstrate that it has
245 developed and periodically practices an emergency plan at the school
246 under its jurisdiction and that such plan has been developed in concert
247 with applicable state or local first-responders, and (B) provide for a
248 uniform assessment of the schools under its jurisdiction, including any
249 security infrastructure, using the National Clearinghouse for
250 Educational Facilities' Safe Schools Facilities Checklist. The assessment
251 shall be conducted under the supervision of the local law enforcement
252 agency.

253 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) Except as otherwise provided in
254 section 10-145b, 10-145f or 10-146c of the general statutes, the State
255 Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper application, shall issue a
256 nonrenewable out-of-state teacher permit with the appropriate
257 endorsement, subject to the provisions of subsection (i) of section 10-
258 145b of the general statutes, relating to denial of applications for
259 certification, to any teacher from another state, territory or possession
260 of the United States or the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth
261 of Puerto Rico who has taught under an appropriate certificate issued
262 by another state, territory or possession of the United States or the
263 District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for two or
264 more years. Such person shall be exempt from (1) taking the state
265 reading, writing and mathematics competency examination,
266 prescribed by and administered under the direction of the State Board
267 of Education, (2) completing the beginning educator program based
268 upon such teaching experience upon a showing of effectiveness as a
269 teacher, as determined by the State Board of Education, and (3)
270 completing a course of study in special education, pursuant to
271 subsection (d) of section 10-145b of the general statutes. The
272 nonrenewable out-of-state teacher permit shall be valid for four years
273 from the date it is issued.

274 Sec. 4. Section 10-145m of the general statutes is repealed and the
275 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

276 (a) The State Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper
277 application, shall issue a resident teacher certificate to any applicant in
278 the certification endorsement areas of elementary education, middle
279 grades education, secondary academic subjects, special subjects or
280 fields, special education, early childhood education and administration
281 and supervision, who (1) holds a bachelor's degree from an institution
282 of higher education accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher
283 Education or Office of Higher Education or regionally accredited, (2)
284 possesses a minimum undergraduate college cumulative grade point
285 average of 3.00, (3) has achieved a qualifying score, as determined by
286 the State Board of Education, on the appropriate State Board of
287 Education approved subject area assessment, and (4) is enrolled in an
288 alternate route to certification program, approved by the State Board of
289 Education, that meets the guidelines established by the No Child Left
290 Behind Act, P.L. 107-110.

291 (b) Each such resident teacher certificate shall be valid for [one year]
292 two years, and may be extended by the Commissioner of Education for
293 an additional one year for good cause upon the request of the
294 superintendent of schools for the school district employing such
295 person.

296 (c) During the period of employment in a public school, a person
297 holding a resident teacher certificate shall be the teacher of record and
298 be under the supervision of the superintendent of schools or of a
299 principal, administrator or supervisor designated by such
300 superintendent who shall regularly observe, guide and evaluate the
301 performance of assigned duties by such holder of a resident teacher
302 certificate.

303 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-
304 145b, on and after July 1, 2009, the State Board of Education, upon
305 receipt of a proper application, shall issue an initial educator
306 certificate, which shall be valid for three years, to any person who (1)
307 successfully completed an alternate route to certification program,

308 approved by the State Board of Education, that meets the guidelines
309 established by the No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, (2) taught
310 successfully as the teacher of record while holding a resident teacher
311 certificate, and (3) meets the requirements established in subsection (b)
312 of section 10-145f.

313 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10-15b of the general statutes is
314 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
315 *1, 2017*):

316 (a) [Either] (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of
317 this subsection, either parent or legal guardian of a minor student
318 shall, upon written request to a local or regional board of education
319 and within a reasonable time, be entitled to knowledge of and access to
320 all educational, medical, or similar records maintained in such
321 student's cumulative record, except that (1) no parent or legal guardian
322 shall be entitled to information considered privileged under section 10-
323 154a.

324 (2) Any parent of a minor student who is incarcerated shall, upon
325 written request to a local or regional board of education and within a
326 reasonable time, be entitled to the report card of such student,
327 provided such parent has not been convicted in this state or any other
328 state of a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b
329 or 53a-73a.

330 Sec. 6. Section 10-144d of the general statutes is repealed and the
331 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

332 (a) For purposes of this section "teacher" means a certified
333 professional employee who is employed by a local or regional board of
334 education (1) in a position requiring a teaching or other certificate
335 issued by the State Board of Education but who is not in a position
336 requiring an intermediate administrator or supervisor certificate, or the
337 equivalent thereof, and (2) whose administrative or supervisory duties,
338 if any, equal less than fifty per cent of the assigned time of such

339 employee.

340 (b) There is established the Connecticut Advisory Council for
341 Teacher Professional Standards. The council shall be composed of
342 seventeen members appointed as follows: The Governor shall appoint
343 one public member who shall represent business and industry; the
344 State Board of Education shall appoint two members, one of whom
345 shall be a member of the faculty or administration of a State Board of
346 Education approved teacher preparation program and one of whom
347 shall be a public member who shall represent business and industry;
348 the president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint one member
349 who shall represent business and industry; the speaker of the House of
350 Representatives shall appoint one member who shall be a parent of a
351 child attending a public elementary or secondary school; the majority
352 leader of the Senate shall appoint one member who shall be a member
353 of a local or regional board of education; the majority leader of the
354 House of Representatives shall appoint one member who shall be a
355 school superintendent; the minority leader of the Senate shall appoint
356 two members, one of whom shall be a public member and one of
357 whom shall be a parent of a child attending a public elementary or
358 secondary school; the minority leader of the House of Representatives
359 shall appoint two members, one of whom shall be a public member
360 and one of whom shall be a school administrator; the Connecticut
361 Education Association shall appoint four members who shall be
362 classroom teachers at the time of their appointment and during the
363 term of their membership on the council, two of whom shall be
364 elementary school teachers; and the [Connecticut Federation of
365 Educational and Professional Employees] American Federation of
366 Teachers-Connecticut shall appoint two members who shall be
367 classroom teachers at the time of their appointment and during the
368 term of their membership on the council, one of whom shall be an
369 elementary school teacher. All appointments shall be made and the
370 names of the persons appointed shall be submitted to the
371 Commissioner of Education not later than October 1, 1990.

372 (c) The initial terms for the members appointed by the Governor,
373 the State Board of Education and the majority and minority leaders of
374 the House of Representatives, two of the members appointed by the
375 Connecticut Education Association and one of the members appointed
376 by the [Connecticut State Federation of Teachers] American Federation
377 of Teachers-Connecticut shall terminate on September 30, 1991. The
378 initial terms for all other members shall terminate on September 30,
379 1992. Terms following the initial terms shall be for three years, except
380 that terms following the initial terms for the members appointed by
381 the Governor and the State Board of Education, and terms following
382 the initial terms for two of the members appointed by the Connecticut
383 Education Association, shall terminate on September 30, 1993; and
384 terms following the initial terms for the members appointed by the
385 president pro tempore of the Senate and terms following the initial
386 terms for one of the members appointed by the Connecticut Education
387 Association shall terminate on September 30, 1994; thereafter, terms for
388 such appointees shall be for three years.

389 (d) The Commissioner of Education shall convene the first meeting
390 of the council not later than November 15, 1990. The council shall
391 establish its procedures and shall select from its membership a
392 chairperson who shall be a classroom teacher.

393 (e) The council shall (1) advise the State Board of Education, the
394 Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
395 having cognizance of matters relating to education concerning teacher
396 preparation, teacher recruitment, teacher retention, teacher
397 certification, teacher professional development, teacher assessment
398 and evaluation and teacher professional discipline; (2) review and
399 comment upon all regulations and other standards concerning the
400 approval of teacher preparation programs and teacher certification; (3)
401 report to the State Board of Education, the Governor and the joint
402 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
403 matters relating to education not later than January 15, 1991, and
404 annually thereafter, on its activities and recommendations, if any,

405 concerning the condition of the teaching profession; and (4) develop a
406 code of professional responsibility for teachers not later than
407 September 30, 1991.

408 Sec. 7. Section 10-91h of the general statutes is repealed and the
409 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

410 (a) Each local and regional board of education shall annually
411 provide to the Auditors of Public Accounts (1) the number of students
412 under the jurisdiction of such board of education who receive special
413 education and related services from a private provider of special
414 education services, as defined in section 10-91g, and (2) the amount of
415 money paid to such private providers of special education services by
416 the board during the previous fiscal year.

417 (b) Each local and regional board of education that has entered into
418 an agreement pursuant to section 10-76d, with a private provider of
419 special education services, shall submit to an audit conducted by the
420 Auditors of Public Accounts for the purposes of examining such
421 board's monitoring of student attendance at such private provider of
422 special education services to ensure that proper services are being
423 provided and costs are being controlled. Such board shall provide
424 access to all records and accounts necessary to said auditors for
425 purposes of conducting such audit.

426 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) Any local and regional board of
427 education that has entered into an agreement, pursuant to section 10-
428 76d of the general statutes, with a private provider of special education
429 services, as defined in section 10-91g of the general statutes, may (1)
430 require such private provider of special education services to submit
431 monthly or quarterly reports to such board regarding the specific
432 services and frequency of such services being provided by such private
433 provider of special education services to students under the
434 agreement, (2) review and reconcile such reports to the contracted
435 services described in the agreement, and (3) conduct periodic site visits

436 at the location of such private provider of special education services.

437 Sec. 9. (*Effective July 1, 2017*) (a) For the school years commencing
438 July 1, 2016, to July 1, 2025, inclusive, the local or regional boards of
439 education for each town located within fifteen miles of the school
440 districts of West Hartford, New Haven, Shelton and Montville, shall
441 participate in a pilot program to provide school transportation services
442 for resident students to attend an equivalent nonpublic school located
443 in the school districts of West Hartford, New Haven, Shelton and
444 Montville. Any request made by a resident student for the provision of
445 such transportation services under this section shall be made to the
446 local or regional board of education for the town of such resident
447 student at least thirty days prior to receiving such transportation
448 services. For purposes of this subsection, "resident student" means any
449 student who is a resident of a town located within fifteen miles of the
450 school districts of West Hartford, New Haven, Shelton and Montville,
451 and, for the school years commencing July 1, 2016, to July 1, 2025, is
452 enrolled in a nonpublic school located in the school districts of West
453 Hartford, New Haven, Shelton and Montville.

454 (b) The local or regional board of education for the town of any
455 resident student who requests and receives transportation services
456 under subsection (a) of this section shall be reimbursed in an amount
457 equal to the cost of such transportation for such resident student by
458 either the resident student or by the nonpublic school that such
459 resident student is enrolled.

460 (c) A local or regional board of education shall not be required to
461 provide such transportation services under this section if fewer than
462 ten resident students request such board to provide such
463 transportation services.

464 (d) A local or regional board of education providing such
465 transportation services under this section may designate one or more
466 pick-up and drop-off locations within the town.

467 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 10-214 of the general statutes is
468 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
469 *1, 2017*):

470 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall provide annually
471 to each pupil in kindergarten and grades one and three to five,
472 inclusive, a vision screening, using a Snellen chart, or equivalent
473 screening device, including, but not limited to, an automated vision
474 screening device. The superintendent of schools shall give written
475 notice to the parent or guardian of each pupil (1) who is found to have
476 any defect of vision or disease of the eyes, with a brief statement
477 describing such defect or disease, and (2) who did not receive such
478 vision screening, with a brief statement explaining why such pupil did
479 not receive such vision screening.

480 Sec. 11. Subsection (g) of section 10-233c of the general statutes is
481 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
482 *1, 2017*):

483 (g) [On and after July 1, 2015] (1) Except as otherwise provided in
484 subdivision (2) of this subsection, on and after July 1, 2017, all
485 suspensions imposed on any pupil in grades three to twelve, inclusive,
486 pursuant to this section shall be in-school suspensions, except a local
487 or regional board of education may authorize the administration of
488 schools under its direction to impose an in-school suspension on any
489 pupil in grades preschool to two, inclusive, if during the hearing held
490 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the administration
491 determines that an out-of-school suspension is appropriate for such
492 pupil based on evidence that such pupil's conduct on school grounds
493 is of a violent or sexual nature that endangers persons.

494 (2) A local or regional board of education may authorize the
495 administration of schools under its direction to impose an out-of-
496 school suspension on any pupil in [(1)] (A) grades three to twelve,
497 inclusive, if, during the hearing held pursuant to subsection (a) of this

498 section, [(A)] (i) the administration determines that the pupil being
499 suspended poses such a danger to persons or property or such a
500 disruption of the educational process that the pupil shall be excluded
501 from school during the period of suspension, or [(B)] (ii) the
502 administration determines that an out-of-school suspension is
503 appropriate for such pupil based on evidence of [(i)] (I) previous
504 disciplinary problems that have led to suspensions or expulsion of
505 such pupil, and [(ii)] (II) efforts by the administration to address such
506 disciplinary problems through means other than out-of-school
507 suspension or expulsion, including positive behavioral support
508 strategies, or [(2)] (B) grades preschool to two, inclusive, if during the
509 hearing held pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the
510 administration determines that an out-of-school suspension is
511 appropriate for such pupil based on evidence that such pupil's conduct
512 on school grounds is of a violent or sexual nature that endangers
513 persons.

514 (3) An in-school suspension may be served in the school that the
515 pupil attends, or in any school building under the jurisdiction of the
516 local or regional board of education, as determined by such board.

517 (4) Nothing in this section shall limit a person's duty as a mandated
518 reporter pursuant to section 17-101a to report suspected child abuse or
519 neglect.

520 Sec. 12. Section 10-221d of the general statutes is repealed and the
521 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

522 (a) Each local and regional board of education, each governing
523 council of a state or local charter school, [and] each interdistrict magnet
524 school operator and each supervisory agent of a nonpublic school shall
525 (1) require each applicant for a position in a public school with such
526 board, council or operator or nonpublic school with such supervisory
527 agent to state whether such applicant has ever been convicted of a
528 crime or whether criminal charges are pending against such applicant,

529 (2) require each applicant to submit to a records check of the
530 Department of Children and Families child abuse and neglect registry
531 established pursuant to section 17a-101k, before such applicant may be
532 hired by such board, council, [or] operator or supervisory agent, (3) on
533 and after July 1, 2016, require, subject to the provisions of subsection
534 (d) of this section, each applicant for a position to submit to state and
535 national criminal history records checks within thirty days from the
536 date of employment and may require, subject to the provisions of
537 subsection (d) of this section, any person hired prior to said date to
538 submit to state and national criminal history records checks, and (4)
539 require each worker (A) placed within a school under a public
540 assistance employment program, (B) employed by a provider of
541 supplemental services pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act, P.L.
542 107-110, or (C) in a nonpaid, noncertified position completing
543 preparation requirements for the issuance of an educator certificate
544 pursuant to chapter 166, who performs a service involving direct
545 student contact to submit to state and national criminal history records
546 checks within thirty days from the date such worker begins to perform
547 such service. The criminal history records checks required by this
548 subsection shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a. If the
549 local or regional board of education receives notice of a conviction of a
550 crime which has not previously been disclosed by such person to the
551 board, the board may (i) terminate the contract of a certified employee,
552 in accordance with the provisions of section 10-151, and (ii) dismiss a
553 noncertified employee, provided such employee is notified of the
554 reason for such dismissal. In addition, if the local or regional board of
555 education receives notice of a conviction of a crime by a person (I)
556 holding a certificate, authorization or permit issued by the State Board
557 of Education, (II) employed by a provider of supplemental services, or
558 (III) in a nonpaid, noncertified position completing preparation
559 requirements for the issuance of an educator certificate pursuant to
560 chapter 166, the local or regional board of education shall send such
561 notice to the State Board of Education. The supervisory agent of a
562 private school may require any applicant for a position in such school

563 or any employee of such school to submit to state and national
564 criminal history records checks in accordance with the procedures
565 described in this subsection.

566 (b) If a local or regional board of education, governing council of a
567 state or local charter school, operator of an interdistrict magnet school,
568 endowed or incorporated academy approved by the State Board of
569 Education pursuant to section 10-34, [or] special education facility
570 approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-76d,
571 or supervisory agent of a nonpublic school requests, a regional
572 educational service center shall arrange for the fingerprinting of any
573 person required to submit to state and national criminal history
574 records checks pursuant to this section or for conducting any other
575 method of positive identification required by the State Police Bureau of
576 Identification or the Federal Bureau of Investigation and shall forward
577 such fingerprints or other positive identifying information to the State
578 Police Bureau of Identification which shall conduct criminal history
579 records checks in accordance with section 29-17a. Such regional
580 educational service center shall maintain such fingerprints or other
581 positive identifying information, which may be in an electronic format,
582 for a period of four years, at the end of which such fingerprints and
583 positive identifying information shall be destroyed. Such regional
584 educational service centers shall provide the results of such checks to
585 such local or regional board of education, governing council of a state
586 or local charter school, operator of an interdistrict magnet school,
587 endowed or incorporated academy, [or] special education facility or
588 supervisory agent of a nonpublic school and to a contractor, in the case
589 of any employee of an applicant contractor subject to such records
590 checks. Such regional educational service centers shall provide such
591 results to any other local or regional board of education or regional
592 educational service center upon the request of such person. No
593 regional educational service center shall charge a fee for services under
594 this subsection that exceeds any fee that the center may charge any
595 applicant for a position with such center.

596 (c) State and national criminal history records checks for substitute
597 teachers completed within one year prior to the date of employment
598 with a local or regional board of education, council, [or] operator or
599 supervisory agent and submitted to the employing board of education,
600 council, [or] operator or supervisory agent shall meet the requirements
601 of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section. A local or regional
602 board of education, council, [or] operator or supervisory agent shall
603 not require substitute teachers to submit to state and national criminal
604 history records checks pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
605 this section if they are continuously employed by such local or regional
606 board of education, council, [or] operator or supervisory agent,
607 provided a substitute teacher is subjected to such checks at least once
608 every five years. For purposes of this section, substitute teachers shall
609 be deemed to be continuously employed by a local or regional board of
610 education, council, [or] operator or supervisory agent if they are
611 employed at least one day of each school year by such local or regional
612 board of education, council or operator.

613 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a student
614 employed by the local or regional school district in which the student
615 attends school.

616 (e) The State Board of Education shall submit, periodically, a
617 database of applicants for an initial issuance of certificate,
618 authorization or permit pursuant to sections 10-144a to 10-149,
619 inclusive, to the State Police Bureau of Identification. The State Police
620 Bureau of Identification shall conduct a state criminal history records
621 check against such database and notify the State Board of Education of
622 any such applicant who has a criminal conviction. The State Board of
623 Education shall not issue a certificate, authorization or permit until it
624 receives and evaluates the results of such check and may deny an
625 application in accordance with the provisions of subsection (i) of
626 section 10-145b.

627 (f) The State Board of Education shall submit, periodically, a

628 database of all persons who hold certificates, authorizations or permits
629 to the State Police Bureau of Identification. The State Police Bureau of
630 Identification shall conduct a state criminal history records check
631 against such database and shall notify the State Board of Education of
632 any such person who has a criminal conviction. The State Board of
633 Education may revoke the certificate, authorization or permit of such
634 person in accordance with the provisions of subsection (i) of section 10-
635 145b.

636 (g) The State Board of Education shall require each applicant
637 seeking an initial issuance or renewal of a certificate, authorization or
638 permit pursuant to sections 10-144o to 10-149, inclusive, to submit to a
639 records check of the Department of Children and Families child abuse
640 and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. If
641 notification is received that the applicant is listed as a perpetrator of
642 abuse or neglect on the Department of Children and Families child
643 abuse and neglect registry, the board shall deny an application for the
644 certificate, authorization or permit in accordance with the provisions of
645 subsection (i) of section 10-145b, or may revoke the certificate,
646 authorization or permit in accordance with the provisions of said
647 subsection (i).

648 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (f) of section 31-
649 51i, the Department of Education shall, upon request of a local or
650 regional board of education, governing council of a state or local
651 charter school, [or] an interdistrict magnet school operator or the
652 supervisory agent of a nonpublic school, make available to such local
653 or regional board of education, governing council, [or] interdistrict
654 magnet school operator or supervisory agent of a nonpublic school
655 requesting information concerning an applicant for a position with
656 such board, council, [or] operator or supervisory agent (1) any
657 information concerning the applicant's eligibility for employment in a
658 position with such board, council, [or] operator or supervisory agent
659 requiring a certificate, authorization or permit issued pursuant to
660 chapter 166, (2) whether the department has knowledge that the

661 applicant has been disciplined for a finding of abuse or neglect or
662 sexual misconduct, as defined in section 10-222c, as amended by this
663 act, and any information concerning such a finding, and (3) whether
664 the department has received notification that the applicant has been
665 convicted of a crime or of criminal charges pending against the
666 applicant and any information concerning such charges. The
667 provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to cause the
668 department to investigate any such request.

669 Sec. 13. Section 10-222c of the general statutes is repealed and the
670 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

671 (a) No local or regional board of education, governing council of a
672 state or local charter school, [or] interdistrict magnet school operator or
673 supervisory agent of a nonpublic school shall offer employment to an
674 applicant for a position, including any position which is contracted for,
675 if such applicant would have direct student contact, prior to such
676 board, council, [or] operator or supervisory agent:

677 (1) Requiring of such applicant:

678 (A) To list the name, address and telephone number of each current
679 or former employer of the applicant, if such current or former
680 employer was a local or regional board of education, council, [or]
681 operator or supervisory agent or if such employment otherwise caused
682 the applicant to have contact with children;

683 (B) A written authorization that (i) consents to and authorizes
684 disclosure by the employers listed under subparagraph (A) of this
685 subdivision of the information requested under subdivision (2) of this
686 subsection and the release of related records by such employers, (ii)
687 consents to and authorizes disclosure by the Department of Education
688 of the information requested under subdivision (3) of this subsection
689 and the release of related records by the department, and (iii) releases
690 those employers and the department from liability that may arise from
691 such disclosure or release of records pursuant to subdivision (2) or (3)

692 of this subsection; and

693 (C) A written statement of whether the applicant (i) has been the
694 subject of an abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct investigation by
695 any employer, state agency or municipal police department, unless the
696 investigation resulted in a finding that all allegations were
697 unsubstantiated, (ii) has ever been disciplined or asked to resign from
698 employment or resigned from or otherwise separated from any
699 employment while an allegation of abuse or neglect was pending or
700 under investigation by the Department of Children and Families, or an
701 allegation of sexual misconduct was pending or under investigation or
702 due to an allegation substantiated pursuant to section 17a-101g of
703 abuse or neglect, or of sexual misconduct or a conviction for abuse or
704 neglect or sexual misconduct, or (iii) has ever had a professional or
705 occupational license or certificate suspended or revoked or has ever
706 surrendered such a license or certificate while an allegation of abuse or
707 neglect was pending or under investigation by the department or an
708 investigation of sexual misconduct was pending or under
709 investigation, or due to an allegation substantiated by the department
710 of abuse or neglect or of sexual misconduct or a conviction for abuse or
711 neglect or sexual misconduct;

712 (2) Conducting a review of the employment history of the applicant
713 by contacting those employers listed by the applicant under
714 subdivision (1) of this subsection. Such review shall be conducted
715 using a form developed by the Department of Education in accordance
716 with section 3 of public act 16-67* that shall request (A) the dates of
717 employment of the applicant, and (B) a statement as to whether the
718 employer has knowledge that the applicant (i) was the subject of an
719 allegation of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct for which there is
720 an investigation pending with any employer, state agency or
721 municipal police department or which has been substantiated; (ii) was
722 disciplined or asked to resign from employment or resigned from or
723 otherwise separated from any employment while an allegation of
724 abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct was pending or under

725 investigation, or due to a substantiation of abuse or neglect or sexual
726 misconduct; or (iii) has ever had a professional or occupational license,
727 certificate, authorization or permit suspended or revoked or has ever
728 surrendered such a license, certificate, authorization or permit while
729 an allegation of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct was pending or
730 under investigation, or due to a substantiation of abuse or neglect or
731 sexual misconduct. Such review may be conducted telephonically or
732 through written communication. Notwithstanding the provisions of
733 subsection (f) of section 31-51i, not later than five business days after
734 any such current or former employer of the applicant receives a
735 request for such information, such employer shall respond with such
736 information. A local or regional board of education, council, [or]
737 operator or supervisory agent may request more information
738 concerning any response made by a current or former employer, and,
739 notwithstanding the provisions of said subsection (f), such employer
740 shall respond not later than five business days after receiving such
741 request; and

742 (3) Requesting information from the Department of Education
743 concerning (A) the eligibility status for employment of any applicant
744 for a position requiring a certificate, authorization or permit issued
745 pursuant to chapter 166, (B) whether the department has knowledge
746 that a finding has been substantiated by the Department of Children
747 and Families pursuant to section 17a-101g of abuse or neglect or of
748 sexual misconduct against the applicant and any information
749 concerning such a finding, and (C) whether the department has
750 received notification that the applicant has been convicted of a crime
751 or of criminal charges pending against the applicant and any
752 information concerning such charges.

753 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (f) of section 31-
754 51i, any local or regional board of education, [or] council, [or] operator
755 or supervisory agent that receives information that an applicant for a
756 position with or an employee of the board has been disciplined for a
757 finding of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct shall notify the

758 Department of Education of such information.

759 (c) No local or regional board of education, [or] council, [or]
760 operator or supervisory agent shall employ an applicant for a position
761 involving direct student contact who does not comply with the
762 provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section.

763 (d) A local or regional board of education, [or] council, [or] operator
764 or supervisory agent may employ or contract with an applicant on a
765 temporary basis for a period not to exceed ninety days, pending such
766 board's review of information received under this section, provided:

767 (1) The applicant complied with subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of
768 this section;

769 (2) The board, council, [or] operator or supervisory agent has no
770 knowledge of information pertaining to the applicant that would
771 disqualify the applicant from employment with the board, council, [or]
772 operator or supervisory agent; and

773 (3) The applicant affirms that the applicant is not disqualified from
774 employment with such board, council, [or] operator or supervisory
775 agent.

776 (e) No local or regional board of education, council, [or] operator or
777 supervisory agent shall enter into a collective bargaining agreement,
778 an employment contract, an agreement for resignation or termination,
779 a severance agreement or any other contract or agreement or take any
780 action that:

781 (1) Has the effect of suppressing information relating to an
782 investigation of a report of suspected abuse or neglect or sexual
783 misconduct by a current or former employee;

784 (2) Affects the ability of the local or regional board of education,
785 council, [or] operator or supervisory agent to report suspected abuse
786 or neglect or sexual misconduct to appropriate authorities; or

787 (3) Requires the local or regional board of education, council, [or]
788 operator or supervisory agent to expunge information about an
789 allegation or a finding of suspected abuse or neglect or sexual
790 misconduct from any documents maintained by the board, unless after
791 investigation such allegation is dismissed or found to be false.

792 (f) No local or regional board of education, council, [or] operator or
793 supervisory agent shall offer employment to a person as a substitute
794 teacher, unless such person and the board comply with the provisions
795 of subsection (a) of this section. The board shall determine which such
796 persons are employable as substitute teachers and maintain a list of
797 such persons. No board, council, [or] operator or supervisory agent
798 shall hire any person as a substitute teacher who is not on such list.
799 Such person shall remain on such list as long as such person is
800 continuously employed by the board, council, [or] operator or
801 supervisory agent as a substitute teacher, as described in subsection (c)
802 of section 10-221d, as amended by this act, provided the board,
803 council, [or] operator or supervisory agent does not have any
804 knowledge of a reason that such person should be removed from such
805 list.

806 (g) In the case of an applicant who is a contractor, the contractor
807 shall require any employee with such contractor who would be in a
808 position involving direct student contact to supply to such contractor
809 all information required of an applicant under subparagraphs (A) and
810 (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section and a written
811 authorization under subparagraph (B) of said subdivision. Such
812 contractor shall contact any current or former employer of such
813 employee that was a local or regional board of education, council, [or]
814 operator or supervisory agent or if such employment caused the
815 employee to have contact with children, and request, either
816 telephonically or through written communication, any information
817 concerning whether there was a finding of abuse or neglect or sexual
818 misconduct against such employee. Notwithstanding the provisions of
819 subsection (f) of section 31-51i, such employer shall report to the

820 contractor any such finding, either telephonically or through written
821 communication. If the contractor receives any information indicating
822 such a finding or otherwise has knowledge of such a finding, the
823 contractor shall, notwithstanding the provisions of said subsection (f),
824 immediately forward such information to any local or regional board
825 of education with which the contractor is under contract, either
826 telephonically or through written communication. Any local or
827 regional board of education, council, [or] operator or supervisory
828 agent that receives such information shall determine whether such
829 employee may work in a position involving direct student contact at
830 any school under the board's jurisdiction. No determination by a local
831 or regional board of education that any such employee shall not work
832 under any such contract in any such position shall constitute a breach
833 of such contract.

834 (h) Any applicant who knowingly provides false information or
835 knowingly fails to disclose information required in subdivision (1) of
836 subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to discipline by the
837 employing local or regional board of education, council, [or] operator
838 or supervisory agent that may include (1) denial of employment, or (2)
839 termination of the contract of a certified employee, in accordance with
840 the provisions of section 10-151.

841 (i) Any employer who provides information in accordance with
842 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section or subsection (g) of this
843 section and the Department of Education for the provision of
844 information requested in accordance with subdivision (3) of said
845 subsection (a) shall be immune from criminal and civil liability,
846 provided the employer or department did not knowingly supply false
847 information.

848 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-151c and subsection
849 (f) of section 31-51i, a local or regional board of education, council, [or]
850 operator or supervisory agent shall provide upon request by any other
851 local or regional board of education, council, [or] operator or

852 supervisory agent for the purposes of an inquiry pursuant to
853 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section or subsection (g) of this
854 section or to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to subsection (b)
855 of this section any information that the board, council, [or] operator or
856 supervisory agent has concerning a finding of abuse or neglect or
857 sexual misconduct by a subject of any such inquiry.

858 (k) For purposes of this section and section 10-221d, as amended by
859 this act, (1) "sexual misconduct" means any verbal, nonverbal, written
860 or electronic communication, or any other act directed toward or with
861 a student that is designed to establish a sexual relationship with the
862 student, including a sexual invitation, dating or soliciting a date,
863 engaging in sexual dialog, making sexually suggestive comments, self-
864 disclosure or physical exposure of a sexual or erotic nature and any
865 other sexual, indecent or erotic contact with a student; and (2) "abuse
866 or neglect" means abuse or neglect as described in section 46b-120, and
867 includes any violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-
868 72b or 53a-73a.

869 (l) Prior to offering employment to an applicant, a local or regional
870 board of education, council, [or] operator or supervisory agent shall
871 make a documented good faith effort to contact each current and any
872 former employer that was a local or regional board of education,
873 council, [or] operator or supervisory agent or if such employment
874 otherwise caused the applicant to have contact with children of the
875 applicant in order to obtain information and recommendations which
876 may be relevant to the applicant's fitness for employment, provided
877 such effort shall not be construed to require more than three telephonic
878 requests made on three separate days.

879 (m) No local or regional board of education shall offer employment
880 to any applicant who had any previous employment contract
881 terminated by a board, council, [or] operator or supervisory agent or
882 who resigned from such employment, if such person has been
883 convicted of a violation of section 17a-101a, when an allegation of

884 abuse or neglect or sexual assault has been substantiated.

885 Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than June 30, 2017, the
886 Department of Education shall make available to the supervisory
887 agents of nonpublic schools a standardized form of questions to be
888 directed to an employer to provide information pursuant to
889 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-222c of the general
890 statutes, as amended by this act, or subsection (g) of said section to a
891 supervisory agent requesting such information.

892 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) A local board of education may
893 enter into an agreement with the board of finance in each town or city
894 having a board of finance, the board of selectmen in each town having
895 no board of finance or otherwise to the authority making
896 appropriations for the school district, to authorize such board of
897 finance, board of selectmen or such other authority making
898 appropriations to take responsibility for the provision of any
899 noneducational services being provided by such board of education.

900 Sec. 16. Section 10-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the
901 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

902 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall appoint one or
903 more school nurses or nurse practitioners. Such school nurses and
904 nurse practitioners appointed by such boards shall be qualified
905 pursuant to regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of
906 chapter 54 by the State Board of Education in consultation with the
907 Department of Public Health. Such school nurses may also act as
908 visiting nurses in the town, may visit the homes of pupils in the public
909 schools and shall assist in executing the orders of the school medical
910 advisor, if there is any in such town, and perform such other duties as
911 are required by such board.

912 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
913 regulation of Connecticut state agencies, nothing in this section shall
914 be construed to prohibit the administering of medications by parents

915 or guardians to their own children on school grounds.

916 (c) School nurses and nurse practitioners appointed by or under
917 contract with any local or regional board of education and any nurse
918 provided to a nonpublic school under the provisions of section 10-217a
919 shall submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with the
920 provisions of section 29-17a.

921 (d) Any advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse who
922 is (1) licensed pursuant to chapter 378 on or after July 1, 2017, and (2)
923 appointed to be a school nurse or nurse practitioner appointed by a
924 local or regional board of education, shall successfully complete twelve
925 hours of training, as prescribed by the Department of Education, in
926 consultation with the Association of School Nurses, not later than one
927 year after such appointment. Each such school nurse or nurse
928 practitioner shall only be responsible for successfully completing such
929 training once.

930 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) For the school year
931 commencing July 1, 2017, and each school year thereafter, each local
932 and regional board of education shall complete the Health Services
933 Program Information Survey and submit the survey to the Department
934 of Education, in a form and manner prescribed by the department.

935 Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 10-212f of the general statutes is
936 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
937 *1, 2017*):

938 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall establish a School Nurse
939 Advisory Council consisting of the following members:

940 (1) One representative from each state-wide bargaining
941 representative organization that represents school nurses;

942 (2) One representative of the Association of School Nurses of
943 Connecticut; [who is employed in a private or parochial school;]

944 (3) One representative of the Connecticut Nurses Association;

945 (4) One representative of the Connecticut Association of Public
946 School Superintendents;

947 (5) One representative of the Connecticut Federation of School
948 Administrators;

949 (6) One representative of the Connecticut Association of Boards of
950 Education;

951 (7) Two school district medical advisors, one of whom is a member
952 of the American Academy of Pediatrics;

953 (8) One representative of the Connecticut Association for Healthcare
954 at Home who is a school nurse; and

955 (9) The Commissioners of Education and Public Health, or the
956 commissioners' designees who shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members
957 and shall attend meetings of the advisory council.

958 Sec. 19. Subsection (h) of section 14-44 of the general statutes is
959 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
960 *1, 2017*):

961 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-10, the
962 commissioner shall furnish to any board of education or to any public
963 or private organization that is actively engaged in providing public
964 transportation, including the transportation of school children, a report
965 containing the names and motor vehicle operator license numbers of
966 each person who has been issued an operator's license with one or
967 more public passenger endorsements, authorizing such person to
968 transport passengers in accordance with the provisions of section 14-
969 36a, but whose license or any such public passenger endorsement has
970 been withdrawn, suspended or revoked by the Commissioner of
971 Motor Vehicles in accordance with the provisions of this section, or
972 any other provision of this title. The report shall be issued and updated

973 periodically in accordance with a schedule to be established by the
974 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Such report may be transmitted or
975 otherwise made available to authorized recipients by electronic means.
976 The commissioner shall ensure that each carrier is reviewing such
977 report, pursuant to section 14-276, by (1) conducting random
978 compliance audits of carriers to determine whether a carrier is
979 performing such review as prescribed by said section 14-276, (2)
980 maintaining a record of each such review by a carrier for the prior two
981 years, and (3) making such record publicly available upon request.

982 Sec. 20. Section 11-33 of the general statutes is repealed and the
983 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

984 When the legislative body of any municipality has decided to
985 establish a public library and reading room, the chief elected official of
986 such municipality shall, with the approval of the legislative body,
987 appoint a board of nine trustees. Not more than one member of the
988 legislative body shall be a member of such board. The trustees shall,
989 immediately after their appointment, meet and organize by the
990 election of one of their number as president and by the election of such
991 other officers as they deem necessary. They shall make and adopt (1)
992 bylaws, rules and regulations for the government of the library and
993 reading room, and (2) policies and rules regarding Internet usage and
994 content accessible by patrons of the library and reading room on
995 computers and other electronic devices provided by the library and
996 reading room. They shall have exclusive control of the expenditure of
997 all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund, and of the
998 construction of any library building, and of the supervision, care and
999 custody of the grounds, rooms or buildings constructed, leased, given
1000 or set apart for that purpose; provided all moneys collected and
1001 received for such purpose shall be placed in the treasury of such
1002 municipality, to the credit of its library fund, and shall be kept separate
1003 from other moneys of the municipality and shall be drawn upon by the
1004 proper officers of the municipality, upon duly authenticated vouchers
1005 of the trustees. Such board may purchase, lease or accept grounds, and

1006 erect, lease or occupy an appropriate building or buildings, for the use
1007 of such library, appoint a library director and all necessary assistants
1008 and fix their compensation. Any person desiring to make a gift for the
1009 benefit of such library may vest the title to such donation in the board
1010 of trustees to be held and controlled according to the terms of the gift
1011 of such property; and such board shall be special trustee thereof.

1012 Sec. 21. Section 10-74g of the general statutes is repealed and the
1013 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

1014 (a) As used in this section:

1015 (1) "CommPACT school" means a public school managed
1016 collaboratively by the superintendent of the school district and a
1017 governing board comprised of representatives of the school and of the
1018 teachers' and administrators' units, community leaders and parents
1019 and guardians of students who attend the school, and such governing
1020 board permits school autonomy in governance, budgeting and
1021 curriculum.

1022 (2) "Community school" has the same meaning as provided in
1023 section 10-74i.

1024 (b) A local or regional board of education may, through agreement
1025 with the organizations designated or elected as the exclusive
1026 representatives of the teachers' and administrators' units, as defined in
1027 section 10-153b, for the teachers and administrators employed by such
1028 board, create a CommPACT school. [The board shall permit the school
1029 autonomy in governance, budgeting and curriculum. The school shall
1030 be managed collaboratively by the superintendent of the school district
1031 and a governing board comprised of representatives of the school and
1032 of the teachers' and administrators' units, community leaders and
1033 parents and guardians of students who attend the school.]

1034 (c) For the school year commencing July 1, 2017, and each school
1035 year thereafter, there is established a community schools pilot program

1036 to be administered by the Connecticut CommPACT Community
1037 Schools Collaborative. The pilot program shall provide a matching
1038 grant in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars
1039 annually for the planning and start-up of a community school in an
1040 educational reform district, as defined in section 10-262u, as amended
1041 by this act. An application for participation in the pilot program shall
1042 (1) include a plan for the development of a community school that is
1043 consistent with the provisions of section 10-74i, (2) show evidence of
1044 support from the local or regional board of education for such school,
1045 (3) provide evidence of support and commitment by a local charitable
1046 organization, the duration of which shall be not shorter than five years,
1047 (4) include the ongoing role of a community schools coordinator and
1048 evidence that such position will be integrated with the office of the
1049 principal of such school, (5) describe strategies that coordinate and
1050 integrate services provided to students and their families by family
1051 resource centers, established pursuant to section 10-4o, (6) describe a
1052 sustainable funding plan for the school, including the costs and
1053 benefits of service coordination, sources of charitable revenue and in-
1054 kind services, and the proposed use of funds received pursuant to Title
1055 I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 USC 6301 et seq.,
1056 as a sustainable funding source, (7) evidence of sustained parental
1057 engagement in the planning, implementation and operation of the
1058 school, and (8) evidence of support from the teachers' and
1059 administrators' units selected pursuant to section 10-153b.

1060 Sec. 22. Subsection (d) of section 10-262u of the general statutes is
1061 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1062 *1, 2017*):

1063 (d) The local or regional board of education for a town designated
1064 as an alliance district may apply to the Commissioner of Education, at
1065 such time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes, to
1066 receive any increase in funds received over the amount the town
1067 received for the prior fiscal year pursuant to subsection (a) of section
1068 10-262i. Applications pursuant to this subsection shall include

1069 objectives and performance targets and a plan that may include, but
1070 not be limited to, the following: (1) A tiered system of interventions for
1071 the schools under the jurisdiction of such board based on the needs of
1072 such schools, (2) ways to strengthen the foundational programs in
1073 reading, through the intensive reading instruction program pursuant
1074 to section 10-14u, to ensure reading mastery in kindergarten to grade
1075 three, inclusive, with a focus on standards and instruction, proper use
1076 of data, intervention strategies, current information for teachers,
1077 parental engagement, and teacher professional development, (3)
1078 additional learning time, including extended school day or school year
1079 programming administered by school personnel or external partners,
1080 (4) a talent strategy that includes, but is not limited to, teacher and
1081 school leader recruitment and assignment, career ladder policies that
1082 draw upon guidelines for a model teacher evaluation program
1083 adopted by the State Board of Education, pursuant to section 10-151b,
1084 and adopted by each local or regional board of education. Such talent
1085 strategy may include provisions that demonstrate increased ability to
1086 attract, retain, promote and bolster the performance of staff in
1087 accordance with performance evaluation findings and, in the case of
1088 new personnel, other indicators of effectiveness, (5) training for school
1089 leaders and other staff on new teacher evaluation models, (6)
1090 provisions for the cooperation and coordination with early childhood
1091 education providers to ensure alignment with district expectations for
1092 student entry into kindergarten, including funding for an existing local
1093 Head Start program, (7) provisions for the cooperation and
1094 coordination with other governmental and community programs to
1095 ensure that students receive adequate support and wraparound
1096 services, including community school models, (8) provisions for
1097 implementing and furthering state-wide education standards adopted
1098 by the State Board of Education and all activities and initiatives
1099 associated with such standards, (9) strategies for attracting and
1100 recruiting minority teachers and administrators, (10) provisions for the
1101 enhancement of bilingual education programs, pursuant to section 10-
1102 17f, or other language acquisition services to English language

1103 learners, including, but not limited to, participation in the English
1104 language learner pilot program, established pursuant to section 10-17n,
1105 (11) class size limits that ensure optimal learning environments for
1106 students, and [(11)] (12) any additional categories or goals as
1107 determined by the commissioner. Such plan shall demonstrate
1108 collaboration with key stakeholders, as identified by the commissioner,
1109 with the goal of achieving efficiencies and the alignment of intent and
1110 practice of current programs with conditional programs identified in
1111 this subsection. The commissioner may (A) require changes in any
1112 plan submitted by a local or regional board of education before the
1113 commissioner approves an application under this subsection, and (B)
1114 permit a local or regional board of education, as part of such plan, to
1115 use a portion of any funds received under this section for the purposes
1116 of paying tuition charged to such board pursuant to subdivision (1) of
1117 subsection (k) of section 10-264l or subsection (b) of section 10-264o.

1118 Sec. 23. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) The Department of Education
1119 shall establish a Literacy Is Fundamental For Education program. Such
1120 program shall provide, within available appropriations, grants to local
1121 and regional boards of education for towns designated as alliance
1122 districts, as defined in section 10-262u of the general statutes, as
1123 amended by this act. Such local or regional boards of education may
1124 submit an application in a form and manner prescribed by the
1125 Commissioner of Education. The Commissioner of Education shall
1126 award grants to those boards of education whose application (1)
1127 demonstrates need through the compilation of data on literacy and
1128 numeracy challenges facing students under the jurisdiction of such
1129 board of education, (2) provides for direct literacy and numeracy
1130 interventions by pairing individual students in kindergarten to grade
1131 three, inclusive, with a trained literacy or numeracy specialist, (3)
1132 demonstrates outreach and collaboration with nonprofit organizations
1133 that provide literacy or numeracy services to students under the
1134 jurisdiction of the board, (4) demonstrates the engagement of parents
1135 in the development of the application and in ongoing efforts to

1136 promote literacy and numeracy among all students, and (5)
1137 demonstrates outreach to nonprofit organizations or other community
1138 partners committed to providing ongoing financial support or other in-
1139 kind services.

1140 Sec. 24. Section 17a-101i of the general statutes is repealed and the
1141 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

1142 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, not later
1143 than five working days after an investigation of a report that a child
1144 has been abused or neglected by a school employee, as defined in
1145 section 53a-65, or that a person is a victim, as described in subdivision
1146 (2) of subsection (a) of section 17a-101a, of a school employee has been
1147 completed, the Commissioner of Children and Families shall notify the
1148 school employee, the employing superintendent, the employing school
1149 or school district and the Commissioner of Education of the results of
1150 such investigation and shall provide records, whether or not created
1151 by the department, concerning such investigation to the
1152 superintendent and the Commissioner of Education. The
1153 Commissioner of Children and Families shall provide such notice
1154 whether or not the child or victim was a student in the employing
1155 school or school district. If the Commissioner of Children and Families,
1156 based upon the results of the investigation, has reasonable cause to
1157 believe that (1) (A) a child has been abused or neglected, as described
1158 in section 46b-120, by such employee, and (B) the commissioner
1159 recommends such school employee be placed on the child abuse and
1160 neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k, or (2) a
1161 person is a victim, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
1162 section 17a-101a, of such school employee, the superintendent shall
1163 suspend such school employee. Such suspension shall be with pay and
1164 shall not result in the diminution or termination of benefits to such
1165 employee. Not later than seventy-two hours after such suspension the
1166 superintendent shall notify the local or regional board of education
1167 and the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's
1168 representative, of the reasons for and conditions of the suspension. The

1169 superintendent shall disclose such records to the Commissioner of
1170 Education and the local or regional board of education or its attorney
1171 for purposes of review of employment status or the status of such
1172 employee's certificate, permit or authorization. The suspension of a
1173 school employee employed in a position requiring a certificate shall
1174 remain in effect until the board of education acts pursuant to the
1175 provisions of section 10-151. If the contract of employment of such
1176 certified school employee is terminated, or such certified school
1177 employee resigns such employment, the superintendent shall notify
1178 the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's representative,
1179 within seventy-two hours after such termination or resignation. Upon
1180 receipt of such notice from the superintendent, the Commissioner of
1181 Education may commence certification revocation proceedings
1182 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (i) of section 10-145b.
1183 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-211,
1184 information received by the Commissioner of Education, or the
1185 commissioner's representative, pursuant to this section shall be
1186 confidential subject to regulations adopted by the State Board of
1187 Education under section 10-145g. No local or regional board of
1188 education shall employ a person whose employment contract is
1189 terminated or who resigned from employment following a suspension
1190 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection if such person is
1191 convicted of a crime involving an act of child abuse or neglect as
1192 described in section 46b-120 or a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a,
1193 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a against any person who is being
1194 educated by the technical high school system or a local or regional
1195 board of education, other than as part of an adult education program.

1196 (b) Not later than five working days after an investigation of a
1197 report that a child has been abused or neglected by a staff member of a
1198 public or private institution or facility that provides care for children
1199 or a private school has been completed, the Commissioner of Children
1200 and Families shall notify such staff member's employer at such
1201 institution, facility or school, or such employer's designee, of the

1202 results of the investigation. If (1) the [Commissioner of Children and
1203 Families] commissioner, based upon the results of the investigation,
1204 has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or
1205 neglected by such staff member, and (2) the commissioner
1206 recommends that such staff member be placed on the child abuse and
1207 neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k, such
1208 institution, facility or school shall suspend such staff person. Such
1209 suspension shall be with pay and shall not result in diminution or
1210 termination of benefits to such staff person. Such suspension shall
1211 remain in effect until the incident of abuse or neglect has been
1212 satisfactorily resolved by the employer of the staff person or until an
1213 appeal, conducted in accordance with section 17a-101k, has resulted in
1214 a finding that such staff person is not responsible for the abuse or
1215 neglect or does not pose a risk to the health, safety or well-being of
1216 children. If such staff member has a professional license or certificate
1217 issued by the state or a permit or authorization issued by the State
1218 Board of Education or if such institution, school or facility has a license
1219 or approval issued by the state, the commissioner shall forthwith
1220 notify the state agency responsible for issuing such license, certificate,
1221 permit, approval or authorization to the staff member and provide
1222 records, whether or not created by the department, concerning such
1223 investigation.

1224 (c) (1) If, upon completion of an investigation of a report that a child
1225 has been abused or neglected by a school employee, the Commissioner
1226 of Children and Families finds that such abuse or neglect is
1227 unsubstantiated, the commissioner shall notify the school employee,
1228 the employing superintendent, the employing school or school district
1229 and the Commissioner of Education of his or her findings. Upon
1230 receipt of such notification, the Department of Education, the
1231 employing superintendent and the employing school or school district
1232 shall remove any references to the report and investigation from the
1233 school employee's personnel records and any other records relating to
1234 such school employee.

1235 (2) A finding by the Commissioner of Children and Families that a
1236 report of abuse or neglect is unsubstantiated shall not prohibit the
1237 Department of Education or a local or regional board of education
1238 from conducting, for purposes relating to professional certification or
1239 employment, (A) an investigation of the conduct of a school employee
1240 who is a subject of such unsubstantiated report of abuse or neglect, or
1241 (B) upon completion of such investigation, from taking action with
1242 respect to such school employee's employment, professional
1243 certification, authorization or permit, including, but not limited to,
1244 actions with respect to discipline, salary, promotion, transfer,
1245 demotion, retention or continuance of employment, termination of
1246 employment or any right or privilege relating to employment,
1247 provided such unsubstantiated report of abuse or neglect shall not be
1248 the sole basis for an action related to a school employee's employment,
1249 professional certification, authorization or permit.

1250 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) If a school employee, as defined in section 53a-65, or any
1251 person holding a certificate, permit or authorization issued by the State
1252 Board of Education under the provisions of sections 10-144o to 10-149,
1253 inclusive, is convicted of a crime involving an act of child abuse or
1254 neglect as described in section 46b-120 or a violation of subdivision (2)
1255 of subsection (b) of section 17a-101a or section 53-21, 53a-71 or 53a-73a
1256 against any person, or a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-72a or
1257 53a-72b against a victim, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection
1258 (a) of section 17a-101a, the state's attorney for the judicial district in
1259 which the conviction occurred shall in writing notify the
1260 superintendent of the school district or the supervisory agent of the
1261 nonpublic school in which the person is employed and the
1262 Commissioner of Education of such conviction.

1263 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) For the purposes of receiving and making reports, notifying
1264 and receiving notification, or investigating, pursuant to the provisions
1265 of sections 17a-101a to 17a-101h, inclusive, and 17a-103, a
1266 superintendent of a school district or a supervisory agent of a
1267 nonpublic school may assign a designee to act on such

1268 superintendent's or agent's behalf.

1269 [(e)] (f) On or before February 1, 2016, each local and regional board
1270 of education shall adopt a written policy, in accordance with the
1271 provisions of subsection (d) of section 17a-101, regarding the reporting
1272 by school employees, as defined in section 53a-65, of suspected child
1273 abuse or neglect in accordance with sections 17a-101a to 17a-101d,
1274 inclusive, and 17a-103 or a violation of section 53-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71,
1275 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a against a victim, as described in
1276 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 17a-101i, as amended by this
1277 act. Such policy shall be distributed annually to all school employees
1278 employed by the local or regional board of education. The local or
1279 regional board of education shall document that all such school
1280 employees have received such written policy and completed the
1281 training and refresher training programs required by subsection (c) of
1282 section 17a-101, as amended by this act.

1283 [(f)] (g) (1) Each school employee, as defined in section 53a-65, hired
1284 by a local or regional board of education on or after July 1, 2011, shall
1285 be required to complete the training program developed pursuant to
1286 subsection (c) of section 17a-101, as amended by this act. Each such
1287 school employee shall complete the refresher training program,
1288 developed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 17a-101, as amended
1289 by this act, not later than three years after completion of the initial
1290 training program, and shall thereafter retake such refresher training
1291 course at least once every three years.

1292 (2) On or before July 1, 2012, each school employee, as defined in
1293 section 53a-65, hired by a local or regional board of education before
1294 July 1, 2011, shall complete the refresher training program developed
1295 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 17a-101 and shall thereafter retake
1296 such refresher training course at least once every three years.

1297 (3) The principal for each school under the jurisdiction of a local or
1298 regional board of education shall annually certify to the

1299 superintendent for the board of education that each school employee,
 1300 as defined in section 53a-65, working at such school, is in compliance
 1301 with the provisions of this subsection. The superintendent shall certify
 1302 such compliance to the State Board of Education.

1303 Sec. 25. Subsection (c) of section 17a-101 of the general statutes is
 1304 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 1305 *1, 2017*):

1306 (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall develop an
 1307 educational training program and refresher training program for the
 1308 accurate and prompt identification and reporting of child abuse and
 1309 neglect. Such training program and refresher training program shall be
 1310 made available to all persons mandated to report child abuse and
 1311 neglect at various times and locations throughout the state as
 1312 determined by the Commissioner of Children and Families. Such
 1313 training program and refresher training program shall be provided in
 1314 accordance with the provisions of subsection [(f)] (g) of section 17a-
 1315 101i, as amended by this act, to each school employee, as defined in
 1316 section 53a-65, within available appropriations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	PA 13-3, Sec. 84
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-145m
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-15b(a)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-144d
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-91h
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-214(a)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-233c(g)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-221d
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-222c

Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-212
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-212f(a)
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	14-44(h)
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	11-33
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-74g
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-262u(d)
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	17a-101i
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	17a-101(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To make various revisions and editions to the education statutes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]